Harris is elected to board

By JAMES SMITH
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Calvin Harris was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Fire Cured Tobacco Marketing Cooperative on July 1.

Harris replaces Sam Davidson who is completing five terms as a Director. Davidson was elected in 1965 following the death of Senator Charles Moses who had represented Appomattox County on the Board since its establishment.

Appomattox County, known as District 1 provides one of the eleven member Board of Directors.

Appomattox County has representation on the Virginia Fire Cured Tobacco Commission beginning July 1 for the first time. E. Carter Martin was appointed by Governor Dalton earlier this spring.

This commission administers the $1 per acre check off that growers provide for research and development of their commodity.

The South 40

Congratulations are extended to Harris and Martin on their election and appointment. Appomattox producers likewise express appreciation to Davidson for his many years of service to the tobacco industry.

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No one really needs to be reminded that June was a dry month. The driest on record - - and records have been maintained since 1938. There have been only four years when June precipitation was under an inch - - 1944, 1966, 1970 and now 1980. This June record is .54 inch. When I say this in a group, the question often asked is "who had that much rain?". Official data for Appomattox weather is collected at the State Police headquarters.

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Field blue mold was identified on two farms last week. A routine application of a recommended fungicide needs to be applied every 3-4 days and following irrigation or rain.

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Hornworms are taking their toll on drought stressed tobacco. Keep a close watch.

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In the home garden, we're finding Red Spider Mites and Aphids on green beans. Knock them off with a strong stream of water. Aphids can be controlled with Malathion or Diazinon.

Continuous use of Sevin may encourage an Aphid build-up.

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Having problems with the sprayer stopping up. The easiest precaution is to strain everything going into the tank - - even the water.

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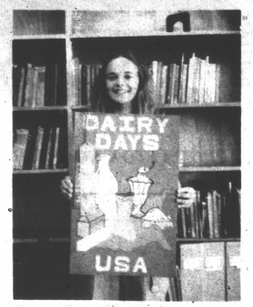
Multiflora rose continues to spread through the county. It can become a major problem in just a few years.

Another problem - - Autumn Olive - - it's spreading rapidly and some suggest can become a more important pest than multiflora rose.

Musk Thistle was identified in the Pamplin - - Holiday Lake area several years ago. There's a report that one pasture in this general area has quite a few musk thistles.

Better stay on top of these problem weeds and eradicate them while the numbers are small.



PATRICIA (P.D.) Myrick, eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Myrick of Route 4, Appomattox, displays her State winning 4-H June is Dairy Month Poster. Patricia was one of three 4-H'ers in the state recognized in the 9-11 year old age group in the poster contest that helps young people recognize the value of milk and milk products. The American Dairy Association, sponsors, of the 4-H Dairy Poster Program, will send Patricia an electric home-made ice cream freezer as an award.

4-H'er is top winner in Dairy Poster Contest

Patricia Myrick has become the third Appomattox 4-H'er in the past ten years to be recognized as a top winner in the June Dairy Poster Contest. Patricia, who is eleven, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Myrick of Rt. 4, Appomattox. She will receive an electric ice cream freezer for homemade ice cream as an award for her first place poster. Awards in the program are provided by the American Dairy Association.

The deadline for registration for the East Central District 4-H Horse Show has passed (July 3). Late entries will be accepted, but an additional entry fee will be charged. The show will take place at the Toga Community Center on Saturday, July 12, beginning at 9 a.m. Complete rules and details are available from the Extension Office.

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We have a few articles of clothing left at 4-H Camp in the Extension Office. If you are missing some items, please stop by and look through the things that we brought back from Holiday Lake.

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Now is an excellent time for 4-H members to work on completing their project records. The records will be due in September and October. All completed records will win ribbons for the individual who turns them in.

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Jessica Stanley and Martha Haley worked on a 4-H Hamster Project last spring. This project will be offered to all 4-H'ers starting this coming fall.

Happiness is 4-H

Allen Smith is representing Appomattox at this week's State 4-H Conservation Leadership Camp held at Holiday Lake. Allen was selected as the outstanding camper at last year's Conservation Camp and was invited to participate in this year's program. Conservation Leadership Camp is held for Senior 4-H'ers with an interest in Natural Resources and leadership.

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The East Central District 4-H All Star Banquet and Awards program will be held at Camp Hat Creek on Saturday, July 19. All new 4-H All Stars will receive their key awards at this program. All 4-H All Stars and their families are invited to attend the banquet and program. Additional information will be sent to 4-H All Stars in Appomattox.

Evening rec program available for students

An evening recreation program for students in grades 7-12 has been instituted at Appomattox County High School this summer, according to Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools in Appomattox.

The program, already in progress, will run until Aug. 1. Activities will begin at 6 p.m. and run through 8:30 p.m. each week night.

Offerings include: volleyball, tennis and weight lifting on Monday nights; basketball and baseball on Tuesday nights; softball, football and weight lifting on Wednesday nights; basketball and baseball on Thursday nights; and weight lifting and baseball on Friday nights.

Shower facilities will be available at 8:30 p.m. each night. Students must provide their own towels.

Those interested in registering may contact school officials for registration forms at the high school and middle school.

Church slates tournament

A church softball tournament will be held at Pamplin Community Center July 11, 12, and 13.

Fourteen teams are scheduled to enter the tournament that will begin Friday at 7 p.m.

Letters

Editor:

The Appomattox County High School "Athletic Boosters Club" would like to take this opportunity to "thank All the merchants, participants, helpers and supporters for making our 2nd. annual softball tournament a "GREAT" success.

For the merchants being so generous with their donations of gifts, money, time and equipment, the sixteen (16) participating ball teams, our workers, and you many fans who came out to watch these great ball games, all this adds up to a really successful week-end for the Athletic Boosters Club.

Again, let us say "thank you"!!!

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Maple Grove slates revival

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